

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were active and under consideration. By means of the present amendment, claims 1-14 have been amended to better point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention, and new claims 19-21 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are at issue.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to because the parenthesis containing the nine elemental limitations was deemed to be unclear. The parenthesis has been canceled by means of the present amendment, thereby overcoming the objection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the compound LiPF_4 was found to be a misspelling of LiBF_4 . Applicants submit that the rejection has been cured by means of the present amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwamoto (WO00/33403) using U.S. Pat. No. 6,824,920. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference does not anticipate each and every limitation of the claims as presently amended.

Whatever it may disclose, Iwamoto fails to teach or suggest a battery wherein the light metal is deposited on the anode at an open circuit voltage lower than overcharge voltage. Accordingly, the cited reference is not anticipatory to the subject matter of the claims as presently amended, and the rejection should be removed.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully

requested.

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